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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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LABORERS’ LOCAL UNION NOS. 472 &  
172 and LABORERS’ LOCAL UNION NOS.  
472 & 172 WELFARE AND PENSION  
FUNDS AND SAFETY, EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING FUNDS; ZAZZALI, P.C.,

Petitioners,

v.

LUCAS CONSTRUCTION, GROUP, INC.

Respondent.

HON.  
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 25-1586

**VERIFIED PETITION TO CONFIRM  
ARBITRATION AWARD**

Come now the Petitioners, Laborers’ Local Union Nos. 472 & 172 and Laborers’ Local Union Nos. 472 & 172 Welfare and Pension Funds and Safety, Education and Training Funds, and Zazzali, P.C., by and through their attorneys, Zazzali, P.C., whose petition respectfully shows:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this claim pursuant to Section 301 of the Labor-Management Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 185, and must confirm the arbitration award pursuant to Section 9 of the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 9.
2. Respondent is bound to a written collective bargaining agreement with petitioner Laborers’ Local Union Nos. 472 & 172 Benefit Funds. (Attached to the award is a true and accurate copy of the signature page and relevant contract excerpt for **LUCAS CONSTRUCTION, GROUP, INC.**, which is Exhibit B).
3. The agreement provides for the submission to arbitration of any controversies concerning delinquent payments to the Laborers’ Local Union Nos. 472 & 172 Benefit Funds.
4. A true and accurate copy of Articles 38 and 39 (and Articles 42 and 43, as

appropriate) of the collective bargaining agreement, which provides for the submission of disputes regarding delinquencies to the permanent arbitrator, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. Pursuant to the agreement, this dispute was submitted to the Arbitrator, J.J. Pierson, who, upon a hearing held on **January 30, 2025** with proper notice to all parties, entered an award, in writing, dated, **January 30, 2025** a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B (Attached to the award is a true and accurate signature page for **LUCAS CONSTRUCTION, GROUP, INC.**

6. A brief is unnecessary in light of the simple facts of this case and the clear authority of this Court to confirm arbitration awards.

WHEREFORE, petitioners respectfully move this Court to proceed expeditiously and without a hearing under Fed. R. Civ. P. 78 and to enter an order confirming said award, directing that judgment be entered thereon and awarding such other relief as this Court may deem equitable and just.

Dated: March 3, 2025

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PETITIONER'S  
EXHIBIT

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MARCH 1, FEBRUARY 29,

2007 TO 2012

## AGREEMENT

*Entered into between*UTILITY AND TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION  
AND THE  
ASSOCIATED GENERAL  
CONTRACTORS of NEW JERSEY

and

LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION  
OF NORTH AMERICA  
HEAVY AND GENERAL  
CONSTRUCTION  
LABORERS'  
LOCALS 472 and 172  
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### 37. *Insurance for Employer's Liability Under Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974*

The federal legislation entitled, "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974", mandates insurance for the Employer liability either through a government corporation or private coverage.

In order to adequately protect the industry and the Employers in the Heavy Construction Industry, each Employer shall contribute an amount to be established by the Labor Relations Committee of the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey, (hereinafter "U.T.C.A.") and/or The Associated General Contractors of New Jersey, (hereinafter "A.G.C.") for the purposes of providing said insurance for the Employer's protection as of a date to be determined to a depository, agency or other legal fund to be established and administered by the U.T.C.A. and/or the A.G.C.

The Administrator of the several employee benefit funds established herein shall receive and deposit all contributions made in accordance with this Article and deposit said contributions in a separate account.

### 38. *Collection Costs*

a) Any Employer delinquent in payment of contributions to or filing of reports with regard to

any of the funds established herein shall pay reasonable attorney's fees of no less than 20% of the amount due when legal services are required to collect such indebtedness, together with any costs and interest thereon. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Employer shall be required to pay the fee of the arbitrator when arbitration is required, and shall also be required to pay all auditing costs where the Employer has failed to grant an audit appointment or permit an audit to occur, or failed to keep an audit appointment, or failed to supply the auditor with all of the requested records, or otherwise failed to fully cooperate with the Fund's auditors.

The Employer shall also be required to pay all reauditing costs in any instance where he disputes the amount claimed due to the Funds and he is reaudited, except where the reaudit shows that the Employer did not owe the Funds unpaid contributions for the period in question. The Trustees or the Co-Chairman acting for them when so designated may require any Employer to file a bond with sufficient surety and in an adequate amount to guarantee filing of future reports and payment of required contributions.

b) In the event that a payment by an Employer is not received by the Funds within thirty calendar days of the due date of the payment, an administra-

COLLECTION COSTS

tive fee of 2% of the amount due shall be paid by the Employer to the Funds. The Employer shall also file with the Funds a surety bond up to the amount of \$300,000.00 as a guarantee for all unpaid balances. Thereafter, interest shall be due at the rate of 12% per annum for any unpaid contributions. This provision shall not limit in any way the Unions' right to take any action allowed under Article 17 of this Agreement.

#### 39. *Fund Arbitration*

In the event that the Union, an Employer or the Fund's Trustees allege any dispute, violation or grievance concerning any provision of Article 32 through 38 or any provision of Article 17, the dispute, grievance or violation including disputes over delinquencies, shall be submitted to the permanent arbitrator or arbitrators established by the Employer and Employee Trustees of the aforesaid funds for resolution and binding decision. The submission of any said dispute, grievance or violation to the permanent arbitrator or arbitrators shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of or a waiver of, the Union's right to take economic action under Article 17 and/or its right to sue for specific performance of the contract. Any dispute in connection with the arbitrability of a matter shall be resolved by the arbitrator.

#### 40. *Fringe Benefit Payment Bond*

The Trustees of the Pension or Welfare Fund, or a designated committee thereof, shall require an Employer to post a bond not to exceed the sum of \$300,000.00 with a surety that is currently approved by the NJ Department of Treasury in accordance with NJAC 11:1-41 to secure payment of all sums due or to become due to the several Funds created or maintained under this Agreement.

#### 41. *Subcontractor Assignment of Monies*

If a subcontractor is delinquent to any fund established under this Agreement and the subcontractor assigns monies due to him from the prime contractor over to the Fund or Funds, the prime contractor shall honor the assignment, provided it is in writing, to the extent of said monies due to the subcontractor.

#### 42. *Successors in Interest*

This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors, administrators, executors and assigns. In the event an entire company or any part thereto is sold, leased, transferred, or taken over by sale, transfer, lease, assignment, receiver-

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MARCH 1, FEBRUARY 28,

2012 TO 2015

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The Administrator of the several employee benefit funds established herein shall receive and deposit all contributions made in accordance with this Article and deposit said contributions in a separate account.

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#### FUND ARBITRATION

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In the event that the Union, an Employer or the Fund's Trustees allege any dispute, violation or grievance concerning any provision of Article 14, Article 32 through 38 or any provision of Article 17, the dispute, grievance or violation including disputes over delinquencies, shall be submitted to the permanent arbitrator or arbitrators established by the Employer and Employee Trustees of the aforesaid funds for resolution and binding decision. The submission of any said dispute, grievance or violation to the permanent arbitrator or arbitrators shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of or a waiver of, the Union's right to take economic action under Article 17 and/or its right to sue for specific performance of the contract or the Trustees' rights under ERISA. Any dispute in connection with the arbitrability of a matter shall be resolved by the arbitrator.



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The Trustees of the Pension or Welfare Fund, or a designated committee thereof, may require an Employer to post a bond not to exceed the sum of \$300,000.00 with a surety that is currently approved by the NJ Department of Treasury in accordance with NJAC 11:1-41 to secure payment of all sums due or to become due to the several Funds created or maintained under this Agreement.

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If a subcontractor is delinquent to any fund established under this Agreement and the subcontractor assigns monies due to him from the prime contractor over to the Fund or Funds, the prime contractor shall honor the assignment, provided it is in writing, to the extent of said monies due to the subcontractor.

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This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors, administrators, executors and assigns. In the event an entire company or any part thereto is sold, leased, transferred, or taken over by sale, transfer, lease, assignment, receiver-

ship or bankruptcy proceedings, such company shall continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the life thereof. It is understood by this Article that the parties hereto shall not use any leasing device to a third party to evade this contract.

The Employer shall give notice of the existence of this Agreement to any purchaser, transferee, lessee, assignee, etc. Such notice shall be in writing with a copy to the Union at the time the seller, transferor, lessor, etc. executes a contract of transaction as herein described.

This Agreement shall be binding upon each individual Employer regardless of whether or not he or it changes the name or style or address of his or its business. Each individual Employer shall give notice in writing to the Union of any intent to change the name or address of his or its business, or to perform business under more than one name or at more than one address, prior to the adoption of a new or different name, style or address, of the addition of new names or addresses, as specified herein.

In the event the Employer fails to give the notice herein required and/or fails to require the purchaser, transferee or lessee to assume the obligations of this contract, the Employer shall be liable to



MARCH 1, 2015 to FEBRUARY 28, 2018

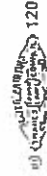
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#### 41. *Insurance for Employer's Liability Under Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974*

The federal legislation entitled, "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974", mandates insurance for the Employer liability either through a government corporation or private coverage. In order to adequately protect the industry and the employers in the Heavy Construction Industry, each Employer shall contribute an amount to be established by the Labor Relations Committee of the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey, (hereinafter "U.T.C.A.") and/or The Associated General Contractors of New Jersey, (hereinafter "AGCJ") for the purposes of providing said insurance for the Employer's protection as of a date to be determined to a depository, agency or other legal fund to be established and administered by the U.T.C.A. and/or the AGCJ.

The Administrator of the several employee benefit funds established herein shall receive and deposit all contributions made in accordance with this Article and deposit said contributions in a separate account.

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In the event that the Union, an Employer or the Fund's Trustees allege any dispute, violation or grievance concerning any provision of Article 14, Article 32 through 38 or any provision of Article 17, the dispute, grievance or violation including disputes over delinquencies, shall be submitted to the permanent arbitrator or arbitrators established by the Employer and Employee Trustees of the aforesaid funds for resolution and binding decision. The submission of any said dispute, grievance or violation to the permanent arbitrator or arbitrators shall be in addition to, and not in



## PRESERVATION OF UNIT WORK

is sold, leased, transferred, or taken over by sale, transfer, lease, assignment, receivership or bankruptcy proceedings, such company shall continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the life thereof. It is understood by this Article that the parties hereto shall not use any leasing device to a third party to evade this contract.

The Employer shall give notice of the existence of this Agreement to any purchaser, transferee, lessee, assignee, etc. Such notice shall be in writing with a copy to the Union at the time the seller, transferor, lessor, etc. executes a contract of transaction as herein described.

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#### 47. *Preservation of Unit Work*

a) In order to protect and preserve, for the employees covered by this Agreement, all work heretofore

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in lieu of or a waiver of, the Union's right to take economic action under Article 17 and/or its right to sue for specific performance of the contract or the Trustees' rights under ERISA. Any dispute in connection with the arbitrability of a matter shall be resolved by the arbitrator.

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MARCH 1, 2018<sup>10</sup> TO FEBRUARY 28,  
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When a general contractor provides the Fund office with a list of their subcontractors, the Funds office shall provide the general contractor notice of their subcontractor's benefit funds delinquencies, with the initial notice by certified mail. Any subsequent notice regarding the delinquency may be sent by regular mail, fax or other method of delivery acceptable in the normal course of business.

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## FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT BOND

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MARCH 1, 2021 TO FEBRUARY 29, 2024

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## GRIEVANCE

gear and clothing to employees during any inclement weather or as the circumstances may warrant. Appropriate cleanup and dress up accommodations shall be provided for employees covered under this Agreement unless the job is spread out or of short duration. Additional sets of such gear and clothing shall be provided upon return of the set originally issued.

**17. *Grievance and Arbitration Procedure***

Any dispute concerning the interpretation, construction or application of this Agreement, including disputes concerning whether the discharge, termination or discipline of any employee was for just cause, shall be considered a grievance. The Employer and the Union first shall attempt to informally resolve any such grievance by a Joint Committee, if requested by either party. The Joint Committee shall consist of two Union representatives and two Employer representatives. Failing amicable adjustment, either party may submit the grievance to the New Jersey State Board of Mediation for final and binding arbitration. Only the Union and the Employer shall have the right to submit a grievance to arbitration. Should a grievance arise on the designation of a Job Steward, the Union shall have the right to pursue arbitration expeditiously.

The arbitrator shall have the right to order any appropriate remedy for any losses incurred by any laborer, Fund, Union or Employer for violation of this Agreement. However, anything to the contrary in the Agreement notwithstanding, only the Union, the

Fund's Trustees or the Employer shall have the right to submit any grievance to arbitration. Any dispute in connection with the substantive or procedural arbitrability of a matter shall be resolved by the arbitrator.

Except as provided for in Article 42, the Employer and Union shall bear their own cost and expenses of the arbitration, and the Arbitrator's fees and costs shall be borne equally by the Employer and Union.

It is hereby agreed and understood that until final decision has been rendered as above provided there shall be no lockouts of any sort by the Employer nor shall there be any strike or stoppage of work of any sort by the Union or their members, except for reasons specifically set forth in other provisions of this Agreement, and all grievances or complaints of any sort that may arise from either party over the interpretation or application of the terms of this Agreement are to be submitted as hereinabove set forth.

It is agreed that if the Employer fails to pay wages as agreed upon herein, or fails to comply with the provisions of Article 5 or 14 of this Agreement, or fails to pay holiday time, or to submit reports and proper contributions to the Welfare, Pension, the Safety, Education, and Training, Annuity Fund, Vacation, L.E.C.E.T., N.J.S.L.H. & S.T.F., or Industry Advancement Funds, as required herein or fails to require employees to maintain Union security, as provided herein, or fails or refuses to allow an inspection of payroll, employment

WAGE & FRINGE BENEFIT RATES

and related records of employees as permitted by Articles 33 and 34 of the Agreement, then any such failure shall be deemed an "open breach" of this Agreement, not requiring arbitration and the Union shall have the right to picket or to call a strike or work stoppage until the "breach" is corrected.

In the event the Union conducts a work stoppage for any of the reasons permitted by the Article, the Employer shall reimburse employees for all wages and fringe benefits lost as a result of the workstoppage for the first day of the stoppage. In the event the stoppage continues beyond one day, the Employer's liability shall be limited to one day's pay. In the event the employees return to work, but the Employer nevertheless fails to cure the violation, the Employer shall again be liable for the wages and benefits lost on the first day of the stoppage and of each successive stoppage.

*18. Wages*

It is agreed that the classification of work, rates, payments and wages shall be in accordance with the following terms and conditions. No employee shall suffer any decrease in rates received on February 28, 2021.

CONTRACTOR

**EFFECTIVE**  
**MARCH 1, FEBRUARY 28,**  
**2024 TO 2027**

**AGREEMENT**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

In the Matter of the Arbitration between:

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472 & 172 WELFARE AND PENSION  
FUNDS AND SAFETY, EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING FUNDS ("Funds")

AND

Lucas Construction Group, Inc.

("Employer")

**ARBITRATION AWARD AND ORDER**

Before: J.J. Pierson, Esq.  
Arbitrator

This matter having been opened to J.J. Pierson, Esq., Arbitrator, a hearing having been conducted on **January 30, 2025**, by the undersigned via Zoom videoconferencing technology; the Employer, having been notified and advised of same and having failed to appear, respond and/or otherwise participate after due notice; sworn testimony having been taken, and it appearing that the Employer is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with Laborers' Local Union No. 472 and/or 172; that the Employer is delinquent in payment of contributions required under the agreement to the Laborers' Local Union Nos. 472 & 172 Welfare and Pension Funds, and Safety, Education and Training Funds ("Funds"); that Article 38 and 39 (or Articles 42 and 43, where appropriate) of the agreement, as well as the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, require that employers so delinquent in payment of contributions to or filing of reports with any of the Funds shall pay reasonable attorneys' fees when legal services are required to collect such indebtedness, together with interest, liquidated damages and any costs, and shall also pay all auditing fees and the fee of the Arbitrator when arbitration is required; that legal services were required to collect delinquencies in contributions owed to the Funds by the Employer and that such legal services were rendered by Zazzali, P.C., attorneys for the Funds; it is therefore AWARDED and ORDERED that:

1. The Employer shall pay forthwith to the Funds contributions for the period of delinquency November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024, in the sum of \$31,027.99 subject to the adjustment by any audit as allowed herein, plus interest, at the rate of 8% per annum, in the amount of \$413.71 on the unpaid balance for the period such monies remain outstanding after the date such contributions become due and payable under the collective bargaining agreement.

2. The Employer shall further pay to the Funds, in accordance with the Funds' Delinquency Procedures and applicable law, liquidated damages equal to 5% of the delinquent contributions multiplied by the number of months or partial months that elapsed between the due date and the date the contributions are actually paid in full to the Funds, subject to a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the delinquent contributions), which, as of the date of this Award, is \$1,551.40.

3. The Employer shall pay forthwith to Zazzali, P.C., 570 Broad Street, Suite 1402, Newark, New Jersey 07102 as reasonable attorneys' fees the sum of \$6,205.60, which is twenty percent (20%) of \$31,027.99 as shown to be due the Funds, or shall pay twenty percent (20%) of the adjusted amount shown to be due by the audit ordered herein plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) from the date of this Award on any part of the attorneys' fees awarded and ordered that is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Award.

4. The Trustees of the Funds, in their discretion, shall cause an audit to be made of the payrolls and such other records of the Employer as are considered pertinent by the Trustees from January 1, 2022 to date, and the Employer shall cooperate in the performance of an audit and shall also pay all auditing fees.

5. In accordance with the provisions of Article 38 of the collective bargaining agreement, the Employer shall reimburse the Funds for the Arbitrator's fee of \$1,500.00. Payment by the Employer, of the Arbitrator's fee shall be deemed an obligation imposed by this Award.

6. The Employer shall pay any and all further costs incurred by the Funds in enforcing this Award or otherwise collecting the amounts awarded above, including but not limited to court filing fees.

7. **THE EMPLOYER SHALL BE LIABLE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$40,698.69 AND ANY AND ALL FURTHER COLLECTION COSTS INCURRED BY THE FUNDS IN COLLECTING THAT AMOUNT AND SHALL SUBMIT PAYMENT IN THAT AMOUNT TO "ZAZZALI, P.C. TRUST ACCOUNT", 570 BROAD STREET, SUITE 1402, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102-5410.**

8. The Employer shall make all future contributions to the Funds in a prompt and timely manner, as determined by the Funds, and the failure of the Employer to do so shall be deemed a violation of this Award.

9. The Funds and Union shall have the right to examine all records of the Employer including all financial records, in the event the Employer is unwilling or unable, or claims to be unwilling or unable, to pay contributions due to the Funds in order for the Funds and the Union to determine whether in fact there are assets, the location of such assets, and whether assets have been conveyed, directly or indirectly to any other person or entity.

10. In addition to the attorneys' fees awarded herein, the Employer shall pay as supplementary attorneys' fees of ten percent (10%) of the total amount due to the Funds, in the event that any additional efforts or services of any nature are required by any attorney for the Union, subsequent to the issuance of any court judgment confirming this Arbitration Award, in order to recover amounts due on said judgment.

11. The Employer, its president, registered agent, or other authorized corporate official designated by the Funds, shall appear for discovery on oath and produce documents concerning the property and things in action of the Employer at the office of Zazzali, P.C., 570 Broad Street, Suite 1402, Newark, New Jersey, upon ten (10) days' notice.



12. The Employer shall produce at that time and place the following documents pertaining to the Employer:

- A. Bank Accounts;
- B. Federal and state tax returns;
- C. Financial statements;
- D. Documents evidencing ownership interest in real estate, motor vehicle, any and all equipment, pension, life or profit sharing plans, stocks, bonds, securities or other tangible goods;
- E. Payroll records, accounts receivables and accounts payables;
- F. Any judgments or liens by or against the Employer;
- G. Any and all loans, promissory notes, bills of exchange or commercial paper made by or for the benefit of the Employer.

13. The arbitrator retains jurisdiction in the event of any dispute of any nature concerning the interpretation or application of the Award.

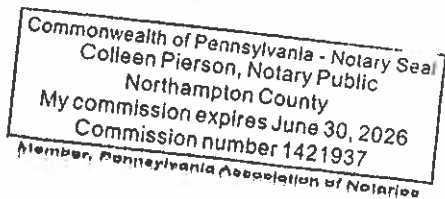
Dated: January 30, 2025

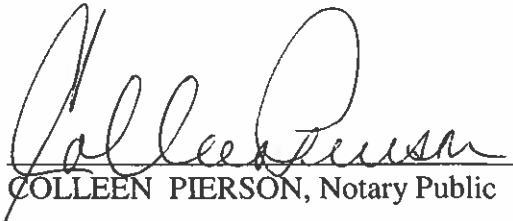
  
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Arbitrator

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA) ) SS:  
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON )

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 before me, COLLEEN PIERSON, the undersigned officer, personally appeared J.J. PIERSON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that J.J. PIERSON executed the same for the purposes consideration therein contained.

In witness whereof, I herewith set my hand official seal.



  
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COLLEEN PIERSON, Notary Public

It is further agreed that if the Employer sub-contracts any work covered by the aforesaid Agreement to any subcontractor or other person, the Employer shall be liable for all contributions owing to the Funds established under the said Agreement in the event the subcontractor or person fails to pay contributions to the said Funds for employees covered by the said Agreement employed by the said subcontractor or person.

If, however, the Employer is subcontractor under this Agreement and becomes delinquent in the payment of any contributions to any Funds established under this Agreement, the said Employer hereby assigns and transfers over all right, title, and interest in all monies due it from the general contractor or any other contractor, any governmental agency, or any owner or developer of the project for which the work is performed to the said Funds in an amount up to the sum due to the Funds. Upon notice by the Funds to the general contractor, contractor, or governmental agency involved, the said general contractor, contractor or governmental agency shall immediately remit to the Funds the amount claimed to be due to the Funds. The amounts claimed to be due shall be immediately paid and if any dispute arises over the amount paid and a refund is alleged to be due to the Employer, the matter may be submitted to arbitration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set their hands and seals this 24<sup>th</sup> day of JULY 20 2024.

LUCAS CONSTRUCTION GROUP  
Employer-Company's Name

2 KIRK AVE  
Street

ANTON FALLS NJ 07724  
City State Zip Code

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

By: [Signature]  
Authorized Company Agent

LIONEL LUCAS CEO  
Print Name and Title

Heavy and General Construction Laborer's Local Union No. 472 of the Laborer's International Union of North America, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

By: [Signature]  
Authorized Signature

Heavy and General Construction Laborer's Local Union No. 172 of the Laborer's International Union of North America, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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